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# British Medical Association.

## SOUTH AFRICAN COMMITTEE.

*Annual Report.*

THE annual report of the South African Committee of the British Medical Association for the year ending December 31st, 1925, states that the interest of members in the Association continued to be well sustained, but the work of the Committee was often hampered by long delays in getting replies from Branches upon various points submitted to them for their views.

A new Branch, with headquarters at Port Elizabeth, to be known as the Cape of Good Hope, Midland Branch, has been formed and duly recognized by the South African Committee. Dr. Braun of Uitenhage was elected president, with Dr. P. Jabkovitz as the first honorary secretary. Congratulations are extended to the members of Port Elizabeth District on the formation of this new Branch, with good wishes for its future welfare.

The attention of the Committee had again been engaged from time to time on the Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy Bill. A small subcommittee, composed of members resident in Capetown, was appointed to keep in touch with the progress of the bill, and the profession may, it is stated, rest assured that its interests will be properly safeguarded.

*Medical Organization in South Africa.*—It had been felt for some time that the British Medical Association in South Africa was in need of some stimulating influence in order to enable it to make that progress which its keenest supporters so ardently desired, and one method by which it was thought that this object could be achieved was by the appointment of an Organizing Secretary, who would visit the various provinces of the Union and put the claims of the British Medical Association before the medical men who were not linked up with the Association and induce them to become members. Owing to financial reasons it was not possible to carry out this project, and when Dr. Orenstein (Vice-President of the Committee) was in London he interviewed the Medical Secretary and some of the members of the Council, and urged upon them the advisability of Dr. Alfred Cox visiting South Africa at an early date. This request was supported by the President of the Committee (Dr. Campbell Watt) on behalf of the Committee, with the result that the Council agreed to send Dr. Cox to South Africa. As the British Medical Association in Great Britain had only just moved into its new headquarters in Tavistock Square, this meant a considerable sacrifice on the part of the parent body. Dr. Cox arrived at Capetown in November, and was busily engaged in his work on behalf of professional unity in South Africa. On behalf of the South African profession as a whole the Committee expresses deep gratitude both to the Council of the Association and to Dr. Cox personally in this regard.

In connexion with the proposed annual licence for medical men a deputation from the South African Committee and the Cape of Good Hope, Western Branch, interviewed the Minister on behalf of the South African Committee, and as the result of the interview the intended annual licence fee of £15 had been reduced to £10.

The Committee's attention having been drawn by the Witwatersrand Branch to the proposed alteration in the new Medical Bill with regard to the registration fee, and to the fact that the proposed method of financing medical councils left the practitioners' liability unlimited, steps were taken to have this rectified by means of a protest to the Minister in charge of the bill.

The resignation of Dr. Greenlees, who has for many years served as the representative of South Africa on the Council of the Association in Great Britain, was accepted with regret, and a letter was sent to him thanking him for his able and consistent services on behalf of the Committee.

*Scale of Salaries of Medical Officers.*—A scale of salaries and allowances for medical officers of health and other medical officers in Government employ was drawn up by a subcommittee of the Cape of Good Hope, Western Branch, and was sent to the various Branches for their approval or amendment. A number of replies had been received, and the matter would come up for discussion at the meeting at Bloemfontein. At the same time the Committee took up on behalf of various Branches certain questions relating to individual appointments, in some instances with success. The Committee laid down the principle that a member of the Association on request should inform his Branch of the terms of any appointment held by him, and that one Branch should on request inform any other Branch of the facts.

The twentieth South African Medical Congress, held in July at Pietermaritzburg, had proved a great success as regards the numbers attending, the quality of the papers, and the social entertainments. The President of the South African Committee served as President of the Congress. The next congress will be held at Pretoria. The South African Committee as the executive of the congress has dealt with the various resolutions adopted.

As there was an indication that a bill would probably be introduced into Parliament dealing with fees of district surgeons, the President thought it an opportune time to circularize Branches requesting them to ascertain from each district surgeon his views regarding salary, fees, and other conditions of appointment, and make recommendations to the Committee for its information and any action deemed necessary.

The opinions of Branches were taken on the report of the Committee of Inquiry into Hospital Administration, and a précis of them on certain main features of the report was forwarded to the Secretary for Public Health for the information of the Minister, with an expression of the South African Committee's willingness to send a deputation, if desired, to discuss the points with the Minister. As the Minister had decided not to put the recommendations in the report into operation at present the deputation was not required. A deputation, however, interviewed the Minister at Capetown.

The Committee places on record its hearty thanks to Dr. Alice Cox for taking charge of the finances during the past year; to Dr. L. B. Goldschmidt for his services as honorary medical secretary; and to Mr. E. Varley for his valuable work as secretary to the Committee. The Committee, in conclusion, expresses its satisfaction that much useful work had been accomplished during the past year, and its confidence that, with an increased membership, much more will be achieved in the future.

# Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

### ASSAM BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Assam Branch was held at Silchar on March 1st and 2nd, when the President, Dr. G. C. RAMSAY, O.B.E., was in the chair.

The PRESIDENT delivered his address on March 1st, which was followed by papers and discussions.

At the meeting on March 2nd various papers were read and discussed. A conference was held between medical and Indian Tea Association representatives, when the general conditions under which tea medical practices are run were fully and impartially discussed. It was decided to hold a further conference during the ensuing cold weather.

The HONORARY SECRETARY submitted the financial statement, which was approved.

The following resolution, passed at the Dibrugahr meeting on October 11th, 1925, and at the Silchar meeting on November 20th,

1925, was unanimously adopted, and the honorary secretary was asked to forward a copy of the resolution to the secretary, Indian Tea Association, Calcutta:

> That the President and Council of the Assam Branch of the British Medical Association be instructed to write to the Secretary, Indian Tea Association, Calcutta, asking him if he would consult with the agency houses in tea to ascertain if they are prepared to meet a small committee elected by members of the Assam Branch of the British Medical Association to discuss the general principles to be incorporated in doctors' agreements, and, when writing, to mention that this Branch of the British Medical Association does not necessarily wish to discuss the question of salary.

A motion that two separate and autonomous Branches, each with its own president, secretary, and council, be formed in the Assam and Surma Valley Divisions, having been proposed by Dr. D. P. WILLIAMS, and seconded by Dr. FOSTER, Dr. TERRELL proposed as an amendment that the constitution of the Branch remain unaltered, and that the matter be left in abeyance until the next annual general meeting. After a discussion the amendment was carried.

With reference to Dr. MCCOMBIE's paper on "The practical aspect of malaria in tea gardens and a suggestion," the following resolution was proposed by Dr. RAMSAY and seconded by Dr. MEEK:

> That to obtain maximum efficiency at minimum cost with the many malarial schemes now being undertaken or contemplated by agency houses and large tea companies that one, or possibly two, expert malariologists be employed by the whole tea industry to initiate and control preliminary work, to supervise a complete malarial survey of the tea districts, and to be responsible for the carrying out of any schemes decided upon.

It was decided to forward a copy of this resolution to the Indian Tea Association and to the Government of Assam.

It was proposed by Colonel PALMER "That all members should forward yearly to the honorary secretary a summary of the vital statistics of the gardens under their charge, giving the death rate per 1,000 and birth rate per 1,000 for the year calculated on the total population working and non-working." After a discussion the general consensus of opinion was that vital statistics as at present compiled were really not of much value for purposes of comparison in various districts.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*, Dr. D. P. Williams. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. F. W. O'Connor. *Honorary Secretary for the Surma Valley Division*, Dr. Terrell.

The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the directors of the Cachar Club Company for the use of the Retreat, Amusement, and Ladies' Clubs, to Lieut.-Colonel J. W. D. Megaw, C.I.E., director of the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, and to the retiring president and honorary secretary.

### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: BRISTOL DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Bristol Division was held on May 7th. The following Representatives were elected: Dr. Bristowe, Mr. O. O. Popper, and Mr. Duncan Wood. Dr. Victoria Tyron was elected Deputy Representative.

The Annual Report of Council was considered. It was resolved that the following words be added to paragraph 146:

> "and such other members of the medical profession as have the express permission of the visiting staff."

### BURMA BRANCH.

THE first meeting of the revived Burma Branch was held at Rangoon on January 22nd, when Major H. B. SCOTT, I.M.S., was in the chair.

The financial statement for 1925 was read and passed.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1926:

*President*, Lieut.-Colonel A. Fenton, I.M.S. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Parakh and Lieut.-Colonel T. F. Owens, I.M.S. *Honorary Secretary*, Major R. Flowerdew, I.M.S.

It was decided to hold a clinical meeting at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday in each month, and that medical men, not members of the Branch, might be invited to attend and take part in the discussion on professional subjects. It was arranged that permission should, if possible, be obtained from the superintendent of the Government Medical School to hold the meetings in the library of the school. The secretary was empowered to engage the services of a clerk and a peon at a total cost of not more than Rs.25 per mensem.

The second meeting of the Branch was held at the Medical School on April 6th, when Lieut.-Colonel FULLER GOOD, I.M.S., was in the chair.

Some discussion took place on the Indian Medical Education Bill, and the matter was referred to a subcommittee, with instructions to draft a letter to His Excellency the Governor in Council, embodying the views expressed, such letter to be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Branch.

### CONNAUGHT BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Connaught Branch was held in the Railway Hotel, Galway, on May 15th, when Dr. R. L. ROE, O.B.E., was in the chair. The Irish Medical Secretary, Dr. Hennessy, was present.

The following officers were elected:

*President*, Dr. R. L. Roe, O.B.E. *Honorary Secretary and Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. John Mills.

The meeting agreed to support Dr. Denis Walshe for the Council of the Association. Correspondence between the honorary secretary of the Branch, Sir James Craig, M.D., and Dr. Hennessy was read, whereby the deduction of 10 per cent. from the dispensary medical officer of co. Galway was annulled by the Minister of the Local Government Department. The Annual Report of the Council of the Association, published in the SUPPLEMENT of April 24th, was considered and approved.

### DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Bournemouth Division was held in St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, on May 5th, when Dr. HARDY was in the chair. The following officers were elected for 1926-27:

*Chairman*, Dr. A. D. Edwards. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. How White. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. O. C. Carter. *Representatives in Representative Body*, Dr. Morse and Dr. Johnson Smyth. *Deputy Representatives*, Dr. Mahomed and Dr. Hutton.

Dr. HARDY, reviewing the past year, said he thought that it had been a prosperous one for the Division. In vacating the chair in favour of Dr. Edwards he was sure the Division would continue to prosper under his chairmanship. Dr. EDWARDS, having succeeded to the chair, thanked the Division for his election, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Hardy for filling the office of chairman with such conspicuous success during the past year. An offer from Dr. Hardy to present to the Division a badge of office for the chairman was accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded to Dr. Hardy for his gift.

The HONORARY SECRETARY read a letter from the Medical Secretary reporting on his visit to Bournemouth. A considerable discussion followed, and it was decided to leave the matter over till the next Division meeting.

### EDINBURGH BRANCH: EDINBURGH AND LEITH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Edinburgh and Leith Division was held on May 10th. The Annual Report of Council was considered in detail, but no instructions were given to the Representatives to the Annual Representative Meeting in regard to it. The annual report of the Division was submitted, and showed that six meetings had been held in the course of the year, at which there had been an average attendance of thirty-three members. Two of the meetings had been social functions consisting of receptions for the newly qualified, held in connexion with the graduation ceremonies of the university. These receptions had been highly successful, and a large number of the graduands had joined the British Medical Association. New Division rules, based upon the model rules for Divisions, were considered. Office-bearers and Executive Committee for the year 1926-27 were elected. It was announced that Dr. Haultain had been the winner of the Division and Branch stages of the competition for the Secretaries' Golf Cup. The Division decided to recommend that one-day sections on (*a*) venereal diseases, and (*b*) history of medicine, should be formed in connexion with the meeting of the Association to be held in Edinburgh next year.

### EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the South-Eastern Counties Division was held at Newtown St. Boswells on April 28th.

At the outset of the meeting the members present stood while Dr. MENZIES made a short reference to the work of his old schoolfellow, the late Dr. A. J. Campbell (Duns), who was a member of the Division, vice-chairman for the year 1917-18, and chairman in 1918-19. On the motion of Dr. Menzies a resolution was adopted expressing the loss sustained by the Division through the death of Dr. Campbell, and recording its appreciation of the interest he showed in the work of the British Medical Association and the working of the Insurance Act.

Dr. James Menzies vacated the chair in favour of Dr. WILFRED GEORGESON (Lauder), vice-chairman and chairman-elect, who, on taking the chair, proposed a warm vote of thanks to Dr. Menzies for his great services during the past year.

Dr. Norman Fairfax (Innerleithen), Dr. J. S. Muir, Dr. Mackenzie, and Dr. Andrew McWhan were re-elected Vice-Chairman, Representative in Representative Body, Auditor, and Honorary Secretary respectively. Dr. McWhan was elected Deputy Representative.

The SECRETARY submitted the annual report and financial statement. It was agreed to allow eight guineas a year for secretarial assistance.

It was resolved:

> That the Council of the British Medical Association be requested to take all necessary steps as soon as possible to deal with the situation that has arisen as a result of the findings of the jury in the Harnett *v.* Fisher case, with the view of protecting the interests of the medical profession.

It was decided to ask Dr. Muir to support the motion at the Representative Meeting.

On the motion of Dr. MUIR, seconded by Dr. SOMERVILLE, it was unanimously resolved to elect Dr. William Blair, Abbey Green, Jedburgh, to be an extraordinary member (complimentary) of the Division.

The SECRETARY reported that the Branch Council had decided that the annual meeting of the Edinburgh Branch should be held in the Borders, and that Innerleithen had been mentioned. It was agreed to extend an invitation to the Branch to hold the annual meeting at Innerleithen.

A matter which had been raised by the chairman earlier in the meeting regarding the position of Queen's Nurses in Berwickshire was considered. In connexion with the subject the SECRETARY stated that recently he had attended the Scottish Board of Health with reference to the health service of the county, and that it had been suggested by one of the medical officers of the board that he should call a meeting of the Division to be attended by Sir Leslie Mackenzie, vice-chairman of the Scottish Board of Health, and the Professor of Midwifery at Edinburgh University, to consider the possibility of the definite participation by medical practitioners in public health schemes. Considerable discussion ensued, from which it appeared that the Queen's Nurses of Roxburgh only went to such cases as they were sent to by medical practitioners, whereas in Berwickshire they were not only acting in such a capacity, but apparently were to undertake midwifery work independently, and, in addition, were to take over all public health visitation and such duties as required. The meeting agreed that a special meeting

of the Division be arranged by the chairman and the secretary, and a large representation of Berwickshire practitioners should be asked for.

### KENYA BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Kenya Branch was held at the Native Hospital, Nairobi, on January 23rd, when Dr. BURKITT took the chair.

The SECRETARY reported that the Branch was in a well organized and flourishing condition. The membership had increased from 52 in 1924 to 63 in 1925. Eleven Branch meetings were held during the year, the average attendance being 15. Seven meetings of the Branch Council were held, the average attendance at which was 5. The Branch was in a sound financial position, the credit balance in hand at the end of 1925 being over £53. In addition, the refreshment account had a credit balance of £6 10s.

The following officers were elected for 1926:

*President*, Dr. M. Mackinnon. *President-Elect*, Dr. J. B. Clarke. *Vice-President*, Dr. G. V. W. Anderson. *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. F. J. C. Johnstone.

Dr. Burkitt having vacated the chair, Dr. MACKINNON, as President for 1926, occupied the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The election of Representatives for the Annual Representative Meeting was postponed until later in the year, as it was not yet definitely known which members of the Branch would be in England in 1926.

The PRESIDENT announced that Dr. Gilks had presented a golf challenge cup to the Branch, and on behalf of the Branch he moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Gilks for his generosity. The motion was carried with acclamation. It was unanimously decided to form a golfing society in connexion with the Branch.

After an adjournment for tea, Dr. KAUNTZE read a paper on the laboratory in relation to medical practice in Kenya. Dr. PATERSON read a paper on population in Kenya. In the absence of Dr. Williams, owing to illness, Dr. GILKS gave a short address on the proposed expansion of the medical department. After the reading of the papers some discussion followed in which a number of members took part. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the readers of the papers.

Before the proceedings terminated the PRESIDENT proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for 1925. In the course of his remarks he referred to the reorganization of the Branch, the flourishing condition in which it now found itself, and the keenness of the members, which he considered was largely due to the hard work of the retiring office-bearers. He trusted that the Branch would have an equally successful year in 1926.

A meeting of the Branch was held on February 12th, with the PRESIDENT in the chair.

Dr. J. B. ORR, director of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, read a paper on foodstuffs, with particular reference to their mineral constituents. The paper was followed by a discussion in which several members took part. After the discussion, on the motion of the PRESIDENT, Dr. Orr was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks for his interesting and instructive address.

The SECRETARY announced that the special subcommittee had taken legal advice with regard to medical defence, and had also approached several insurance companies; further progress would be reported in due course. He reported also that a letter had been received from the Medical Secretary at headquarters, enclosing a copy of the whole of the correspondence between the Association and the Colonial Office on the subject of the new regulations for the East African Medical Service. After discussion it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Dr. PATERSON, seconded by Dr. JEWELL, that further discussion of the subject should be postponed until next meeting, and that the correspondence should be circulated to all members of the Branch in the meantime.

### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Rochdale Division was held on April 28th, when Dr. BATEMAN was in the chair.

The annual statement was read and adopted. It showed that the membership had increased from 50 to 57. The Division has had nine meetings during the year, with an average attendance of twelve, and two executive meetings.

The following officers were elected:

*Chairman*, Dr. Bateman (Rochdale). *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Cox (Rochdale). *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. James Melvin (Bamford). *Auditor*, Dr. Harris (Rochdale). *Representative in Representative Body and Branch Council Meetings*, Dr. James Melvin (Bamford). *Deputy Representative*, Dr. Jefferson (Rochdale).

### NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE North Wales Branch had a most successful meeting at Ruthin Castle on May 4th. At the Council meeting twelve new members were elected, and the Council unanimously recommended the Branch meeting to adopt an addition to the Ethical Rules with reference to the scale of minimum salaries.

At the Branch meeting held in the afternoon, when the President, Dr. J. E. THOMAS (Bangor), occupied the chair, the following papers were read: by Dr. PATTERSON on Graves's disease; by Dr. ANDERSON and Mr. MARXER on the iodeikon test for disease of the gall bladder; by Dr. ALLISON on obesity; and by Dr. SHAPLAND on (1) a case of cerebral tumour, and (2) a case of diabetes and gall stones. The papers were illustrated by lantern slides and $x$-ray photographs, and several members discussed the various papers. A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. SPRIGGS and his colleagues was carried by acclamation. At the close of the meeting Dr. Spriggs entertained the members to tea and were shown round the hospital, the laboratories, and the historic grounds by the staff. The Report of Council with reference to the scale of commencing minimum salaries in the public health service was adopted. The annual meeting will be held at Bettws-y-coed on Tuesday, June 29th.

### OXFORD AND READING BRANCH: WINDSOR DIVISION.

THE inaugural meeting of the Windsor Division was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Windsor, on April 21st. The Division has been formed from parts of the former areas of the Buckinghamshire, Guildford, and Reading Divisions, and already possesses 62 members, many of whom have to make comparatively long journeys to attend meetings of their Divisions. In the absence of Dr. Cropp, President, the chair was taken by Dr. STOBIE, honorary secretary of the Oxford and Reading Branch. The meeting was addressed by Dr. G. C. ANDERSON, Deputy Medical Secretary, who urged that, in the face of so many pressing medico-political problems, and of the need for so much co-ordinated research, it was necessary to have every unit of the Association strongly organized and active. He and several of the other speakers referred to the excellent work done by the local Windsor and District Medical Society, and the meeting agreed that the new Division should co-operate with it and give it all the assistance it could in its furtherance of clinical study. The rules of organization of the Division and the revised rules governing procedure in ethical matters were adopted. Dr. Sprott was chosen to represent the Division in the Representative Body, and the office-bearers for 1926-27 were elected.

### PERTH BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Perth Branch was held in the Station Hotel on May 7th, when the President, Dr. MENZIES, was in the chair.

Drs. Stirling, Haig, William A. Taylor, Hume, and Menzies were appointed a Charities Committee.

The Annual Report of Council was discussed and approved. Dr. Haig was appointed Representative to the Annual Representative Meeting, and Dr. Parker Stewart Deputy Representative. The April *Monthly Circular* from the Medical Secretary was read by the HONORARY SECRETARY. The meeting was glad to hear of the safe return of Dr. Cox, and was much interested in the details given in the *Circular*.

### SOUTH EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the South Eastern of Ireland Branch was held in the Imperial Hotel, Kilkenny, on May 5th.

Dr. BARRY was installed in the chair as President for the coming year, and Dr. Myles was unanimously elected President-Elect for 1926-27.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the year 1926-27:

*Honorary Secretary*, Dr. P. Grace (Maryborough). *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. Jellett (Waterford). *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. W. J. Phelan (Kilkenny). *Deputy Representative*, Dr. Cassin (Kilkenny). *Representative on Irish Committee*, Dr. A. B. Stephenson.

Votes of condolence with the President, Dr. Barry, on the death of his daughter, and Dr. F. Walsh (Callan) on the death of his father, were adopted.

On the motion of Dr. DENIS WALSHE, seconded by Dr. BARRY, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Dr. Grace for his assistance as honorary secretary to the Branch during the past fourteen years.

### SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch was held at the Castle Hotel, Brecon, on April 14th, with Dr. R. J. COULTER, President, in the chair; fifty-five members were present.

Dr. W. R. JONES, Mayor of Brecon, and an old member of the Association, in welcoming the meeting, expressed his delight at attending another Branch gathering there. They were not lacking in enthusiasm, but their isolated position in the hills prevented some of the Breconshire medical men from attending as many meetings in the larger towns as they would wish. He named other medical men who had held the mayoral office before him. A large sum of money, he said, was being spent on the hospital in Brecon, and they looked forward to a very successful future. He hoped, in view of the success of meetings there in the past, that it would not be long before the Branch decided to pay them another visit. In conclusion, Dr. Jones showed the members an interesting stethoscope presented by Laënnec to Dr. Lucas of Brecon.

Mr. J. W. GEARY GRANT read a paper on some points in the surgery of the biliary tract. Dealing first with the anatomy and physiology of the gall bladder and ducts, he discussed the notions and theories of the formation of gall stones. He said that while some held that stones were the result of infection, the French school favoured a non-infective origin due to a hypercholesterolaemia. Diagnosis depended to a great extent on a careful history. Skiagrams were often misleading, and a diseased gall bladder was sometimes found after a diagnosis of pyloric obstruction had been made. Graham's method of $x$-raying after a dose of sodium tetra-iodo-phenolphthalein was still *sub judice*, but in some cases had proved of value. Skiagrams illustrating this method were shown. The Meltzer-Lyon method and the van den Bergh reaction were discussed and the inferences which might be derived therefrom. Under treatment the relative values of cholecystostomy and cholecystectomy were compared. Massive necrosis of the pancreas

was sometimes encountered after cholecystitis. In the early stages of infection of the gall bladder cholecystectomy was a safe operation, but there was considerable danger in subjects of advanced age, with jaundice of old standing, and common duct obstruction. In such cases decompression by drainage of the gall bladder or hepatic duct should precede any operation for removal of stone.

In the discussion that followed, Major HUME advocated early operation in gall bladder disease, and mentioned cases in support of his views. Mr. LAMBERT ROGERS quoted Sir John Bland-Sutton's statement that a drained gall bladder was a liability rather than an asset. Cholecystography had shown that after cholecystostomy the gall bladder was inert. Dr. OWEN REES discussed the subject from a radiological standpoint Dr. DAVIES mentioned the importance of considering hepatic and pancreatic diabetes, and asked how this would modify any operative procedures.

Major N. H. HUME showed the following skiagrams: (1) Fracture of the proximal phalanx of the little toe, at the site of an ulcer caused by the bites of the chigger flea (*Dermatophilus penetrans*); amputation was performed. (2) A tumour on the postero-medial aspect of the left ring finger. The skiagram showed an oval swelling covered by a shell of compact bone and enclosing what appeared to be normal medulla. The growth was removed; the pathological report was "Tuberculous osteitis." Present condition—recurrence of the tumour. Suggested treatment—amputation of finger.

The following cases were shown by Major Hume: (1) A youth, aged 18, with a three years' history of severe pain in the back of the neck followed by diffuse swelling in the same region. At present there was a diminution in the swelling, but rigidity of the cervical spine. Skiagrams showed angular deformity with rarefaction and sclerosis in different parts of the cervical spine. The Wassermann reaction was positive. The case was one of congenital syphilitic disease. (2) Sarcoma of the testis in a child 2½ years of age, following a fall on the groin. Testicle and cord were removed by operation, recurrence following, after three weeks, in the lumbar glands. Treatment was now by deep *x*-ray therapy. Complete disappearance of growth and freedom for fifteen months. (3) Two cases of hour-glass stomach treated by operation eighteen months ago—one by gastro-gastrostomy and posterior gastro-jejunostomy in the pyloric sac, the other by partial gastrectomy. Major Hume invited a discussion on the comparative values of the operations. Mr. J. W. GEARY GRANT contrasted the two methods, and mentioned the cases most suitable for operation, giving histories to support his views. Dr. T. I. CANDY discussed the radiological diagnosis.

Mr. T. E. HAMMOND read a paper on some points in the diagnosis of urinary tuberculosis. Early diagnosis was, he said, essential if operative treatment was to be successful, as a cure could be obtained in 60 per cent. of cases by removing a diseased kidney, even if the bladder were involved, provided the other kidney was free from tuberculous disease and was capable of performing its functions. In the large majority of cases seen at an early stage only one kidney was affected, but in later stages over 70 per cent. showed bilateral tuberculosis; and this was a contraindication to operation. The early symptoms were polyuria and frequency of micturition, but no pain apart from slight lumbar discomfort. Colic was very rare. Occasionally there might be severe haematuria preceding by many years the onset of other symptoms. As the disease spread to the bladder frequent and painful micturition and terminal haematuria appeared. Physical signs were usually absent. Examination of the urine and careful cystoscopy were valuable means of diagnosis. Albumin, pus, and tubercle bacilli should be found except in those cases where the ureter had become fibrosed and the contents of the kidney did not pass to the bladder. The pus might be small in amount and cause no cloudiness, and the presence of bacilli might require several examinations and prolonged search. Cystoscopy should always be performed, as by this means the extent of the disease might be determined, and whether both kidneys were functioning. When the cystoscopic and urine examinations were negative inoculation of a guinea-pig should be performed.

In place of the annual dinner members and their friends were invited to lunch, and a large company attended. After the meeting they were entertained to tea at the kind invitation of the Mayor of Brecon, Dr. W. R. Jones.

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### SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Portsmouth Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on May 6th, when Dr. MEARNS FRASER was in the chair; 75 members were present, of whom 54 sat down to the supper preceding the meeting.

The Annual Report of Council was submitted and adopted; the statement of accounts of the Division for the year 1925-26, amounting to £44 11s. 11d., was received and approved.

The following officers were elected:

*Chairman*, Dr. A. Mearns Fraser. *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Harold Burrows, C.B.E. *Secretary*, Dr. H. H. Warren. *Clinical Secretary*, Mr. C. A. Scott Ridout. *Representatives in Representative Body*, Drs. D. McAskie and P. Green. *Deputy Representatives*, Drs. F. C. B. Gittings and H. H. Warren.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. W. E. HEMPSON, Solicitor to the Association, delivered an address on medical men and the law. He dealt with the subject from its legal and ethical aspects, illustrating his remarks by references to many cases of practical interest to medical men in which he had been consulted. He afterwards replied to questions on various medico-legal matters which were raised by members. Mr. Hempson emphasized the importance of every medical man belonging to a defence society, and most urgently advised that, if any medical man received a communication which even remotely suggested that a charge of negligence or malpractice might develop, he should on no account reply to it himself, but should at once place it in the hands of his society; he urged this course because so often when a case came into court the first letter written by the medical defendant had proved to be a deciding factor in determining the result of the trial.

Mr. Hempson's address was most enjoyable and instructive, and at the conclusion of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. BOSWORTH WRIGHT, and seconded by Mr. MUNRO FORDE, was accorded him for his attendance at the meeting.

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### SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.

A JOINT meeting of the Brighton Division and the Brighton and Hove Association of Pharmacy was held at the Queen's Road Dispensary on April 29th, when Mr. J. PLOWRIGHT, President of the Pharmacists' Association, was in the chair. Mr. J. P. GILMOUR, editor of the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, addressed the meeting on the relations of pharmacy and medicine. After rapidly surveying the evolution of pharmacy and medicine from their origin in the personality now represented amongst contemporary savages and primitive peoples generally, by the witch-doctor and the medicine-man, through the process of division of labour and the specialization of function, which in some of the earlier civilizations, such as that of Egypt, was carried out to a high degree of elaboration, the speaker sketched the rise and development of Arab medicine and pharmacy, and the profound influence of the latter upon the art of pharmacy, and of the compilation of the first Continental pharmacopoeias and the first *London Pharmacopoeia*. Commenting on the value of the co-operation of the pharmaceutical and medical professions in the production of the *British Pharmacopoeia*, Mr. Gilmour deprecated the present anomalous and anachronistic position of pharmacists in relation to this important work, and expressed the hope that the negotiations now taking place between the Pharmaceutical Society and other bodies with the General Medical Council would eventuate in the official recognition, as members of the Pharmacopoeia Committee, of representatives of pharmacy and the other interests concerned. In pharmacology there had already been much fruitful collaboration between the two professions, but there was ample room for extension of this relationship, and the Pharmaceutical Society had recently taken a long forward step in this direction by establishing pharmacological laboratories, in which, in addition to routine testing work, original research on the physiological action of old or new drugs could be prosecuted. Coming to the more intimate relations which subsisted, or should subsist, between the members of the two professions in their daily intercourse in practice, these had been the subject of so-called special codes of ethics or of State regulation from the palmy period of the Athenian democracy, when there was a State system of medicine, down to the present time, when, under the National Health Insurance Acts, the Venereal Disease Act, and the Dangerous Drugs Acts and Regulations, the relations of pharmacists and physicians were prescribed for certain purposes. As for voluntary codes of ethics for either profession, these were not necessarily ethical at all. It would be better to treat them simply as sets of rules or articles in an unwritten code of honour. Ethical principles could not be parcelled out and labelled as exclusive to any trade or profession. All these "disciplines," from that of the Emperor Frederick in the ninth century, down to the latest version of the American Pharmaceutical Association, bore a strong family likeness to one another, even as to categories, of which the principal were: (1) Discouragement of gratuitous recommendation by pharmacist or doctor of one or the other to customer or patient. (2) Prohibition of secret commission or code prescriptions. (3) Neither pharmacist nor physician to criticize the work of the other to the public. (4) Whatever be the law or equity of the question of ownership of the prescription, apart from the provisions of the National Health Insurance Act and the Dangerous Drugs Acts, no copy to be given, save to the person to whom the original was issued, and the prescription not to be repeated in cases where there might be a risk to the patient. (5) That in the case of prescriptions for dangerous incompatibles, or which order what seem to be overdoses, are illegible, or present other difficulties, the dispenser should, whenever practicable, communicate with the prescriber, or, if this cannot be done, and the case is urgent, endeavour to interpret and carry out as best he can the prescriber's intention. (6) As to the vexed question of counter prescribing, theoretically there was no more excellent exhortation than that of the Elizabethan Bullein, namely, "That the apothecary meddle only in his vocation," but circumstances often forced the pharmacist to give advice and medicine in simple ailments. A former President of the Pharmaceutical Society, the late S. R. Atkins of Salisbury, had stated the case for the pharmacist so cogently and moderately that it would bear repetition. He said: "We stand charged with counter prescribing. So runs the indictment. To a certain extent we admit the charge, but plead justification. With such practices (encroachment on the functions of medical men) we have nothing to do. What, however, we are careful to defend as our just and inalienable right is that simple and moderate counter practice which has grown up without legal enactment, and, as we believe, contrary to none, but which is so embedded, not simply in the habits, but in the very necessities of the people, that a Blue Book of prohibitions could no more extinguish it than an Act of Parliament could convert every Englishman into a Scotsman, however desirable that might be. We contend for a custom of long standing, as we find it in the vast majority of respectable, well conducted druggists' shops, the practice of prescribing across the counter for simple ailments. And altogether apart from personal and pecuniary considerations, we contend for this custom in the interests of the public. This is the only line of defence worth maintaining, and it is the one which Parliament, and all our courts of law, our legislative and executive authorities, will ever respect. If it be asked where the line of demarcation should be drawn, we reply that it is impossible to

draw one, but an honourable man will seek to avoid the very appearance of evil, and if parole, the law of honour, fails, no inquisitorial acts of a medical police will ever succeed." Mr. Gilmour concluded by venturing on the forecast that the time was not far distant when prescribing and dispensing would be entirely separated in this country as they are abroad, and when medical practitioner and pharmacist—each performing his own proper functions—would work together side by side in the great and beneficent service of the science and art of medicine, to which they both belonged.

Dr. L. A. PARRY, who opened the discussion, referred to the celebrated code of Hammurabi, promulgated by means of stone stelae 4,000 years ago. Under this code a surgeon who killed his patient after an operation was permanently prevented from further mistakes by the simple process of amputating the operator's hands, and the wet-nurse who lost her child had no more chance of following her occupation, for her breasts were removed. The Arab medicine referred to by Mr. Gilmour was practically entirely derived from Greek literature, doctrine, and method. The great service the Arab culture rendered to mankind was translation and preservation of Greek medical and scientific literature, which in this way was carried through the Dark Ages, and available at the time of the Renaissance. Many of the old Arab physicians had done most excellent work. Rhazes, who founded the hospital at Baghdad, when selecting the site for his building, hung up pieces of meat and built the institution at the place where decomposition was slowest. These meetings between the two societies in Brighton were now an annual event, and were much appreciated by both professions.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gilmour, proposed by Dr. BROADBENT and seconded by the CHAIRMAN, was carried with acclamation.

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SUSSEX BRANCH: CHICHESTER AND WORTHING DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Chichester and Worthing Division was held at Warne's Hotel, Worthing, on May 5th.

Dr. F. HINDS was, on the motion of Dr. LEWIS, called to the chair. The following officers were elected for 1926-27:

*Chairman*, Dr. H. J. M. Milbank-Smith (Worthing). *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. G. C. Garratt (Chichester). *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Duncan D. Mackintosh (Worthing). *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. H. J. M. Milbank-Smith (Worthing). *Deputy Representative*, Dr. M. H. Vernon (Horsham) or Dr. G. C. Garratt (Chichester).

The following resolutions were adopted:

That this meeting disapproves of the verdict of the jury in the recent Harnett and Fisher case.

That this meeting is in favour of legislation proposed to be introduced for the registration of nursing homes

After dinner Dr. LOCKHART STEPHENS (Emsworth), who was present as a guest, opened a discussion on "What ought to be known about cancer," in which Drs. FITZMAURICE-KELLY, GIBSON, SEYMOUR, LONGRIDGE, and PARRY took part. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Lockhart Stephens for opening the discussion.

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# Association Notices.

## CHANGE OF AREA OF THE GUILDFORD AND WINDSOR DIVISIONS.

THE following change has been made by the Council, and takes effect as from the date of publication of this notice:

That the urban district of Windlesham be transferred from the area of the Guildford Division of the Surrey Branch to that of the Windsor Division of the Oxford and Reading Branch.

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## TABLE OF DATES.

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| May 29, Sat. | Last day for receipt at Head Office of voting papers for election, where there are contests, of 24 members of Council by grouped Home Branches, and 4 Representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body. |
| June 3, Thurs. | Names of Representatives and Deputy-Representatives must be received at Head Office by this date. |
| June 9, Wed. | *Council.* |
| June 12, Sat. | Publication in SUPPLEMENT of result of election of members of Council by grouped Branches, and of members of Council and Representatives in Representative Body by Public Health Service members. Nomination papers available (at Head Office) for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Home Representatives. |
| June 17, Thurs. | Meetings of Constituencies must be held between this date and July 16th, to instruct Representatives. |
| June 26, Sat. | Supplementary Report of Council appears in SUPPLEMENT. |
| July 2, Fri. | Amendments and riders for inclusion in A.R.M. Agenda must be received at Head Office by this date. |
| July 16, Fri. | *Annual Representative Meeting*, Nottingham, 10 a.m. Nominations for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives must be received (at A.R.M., Nottingham) by this date. |
| July 17, Sat. | *A.R.M.* (Nottingham). |
| July 19, Mon. | *Council* (Nottingham). |
| | *A.R.M.* (Nottingham). |
| July 20, Tues. | *A.R.M.* Annual General Meeting, Nottingham, President's Address. |
| July 21, Wed. | *Council* (Nottingham). Conference of Honorary Secretaries (Nottingham). |
| | *Meetings of Sections*, etc., Nottingham. |
| July 22, Thurs. | *Meetings of Sections*, etc., Nottingham. |
| July 23, Fri. | *Meetings of Sections*, etc., Nottingham. |

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary.*

## BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at 154, Great Charles Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 1st, at 3 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers and Representatives; instructions to Representatives.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: WEST BROMWICH DIVISION.—The third regular meeting for 1926 of the West Bromwich Division will be held at the offices of the Smethwick Insurance Committee, 1, South Road, Smethwick, on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 2.45 p.m. After the transaction of business Dr. Douglas Stanley (Birmingham) will read a paper on the diagnosis of lung conditions.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—A general meeting of the Border Counties Branch will be held at Lannercross Abbey, Cumberland, on June 19th. Special addresses will be given in commemoration of Addison, who was buried there and whose home was close by. Further particulars will be announced later.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (WESTERN) BRANCH.—A case night, arranged by Mr. C. E. Jones-Phillipson and Dr. S. E. Kark, will be held at 35, Wale Street, Capetown, on Friday, June 25th.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—A meeting of the Edinburgh Branch will be held at the British Medical Association Scottish House, 6, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, June 1st, at 4.30 p.m., when the President of the Branch, Professor G. M. Robertson, M.D., P.R.C.P.Ed., will give an address on the certification of insane persons. All medical practitioners are invited.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The postponed annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch will be held in the Royal Faculty Hall, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, June 16th, at 3.30 p.m.

KENT BRANCH.—The thirteenth annual meeting of the Kent Branch will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, June 8th. The Council will meet in the morning. The President-Elect, Dr. H. M. Raven, kindly invites all members to luncheon at the Grand Hotel at 1 p.m. After lunch a presentation will be made to Dr. Starling of Tunbridge Wells, honorary secretary of the Branch. The annual meeting will commence at 2.30. Agenda: Report of election of new officers; votes of thanks to retiring officers; report of Branch Council and financial statement; appointment of auditor. The President will give an inaugural address on convalescence at the seaside. At 3.30 there will be (1) a motor boat trip; (2) a visit to the Yarrow Home and St. Mary's Convalescent Home. Tea will be served at the North Foreland Golf Club at 5 o'clock. The annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel at 7 o'clock. (Tickets 7s. 6d. each; wines and smokes will be kindly provided by the Isle of Thanet Division.) During the day the competition will be carried through for the Tennyson Smith golf challenge cup. Intending competitors should at once send in their names, addresses, and handicaps to Mr. E. S. Oak-Rhind, C.C., North Foreland Golf Club, Kingsgate, Broadstairs, who will give all information. Members intending to be present at the annual meeting are requested to send a postcard to Dr. A. M. Watts, Glengarry, Pierremont Avenue, Broadstairs, to arrive not later than Saturday, June 5th, and to state whether they will attend (1) the President-Elect's luncheon; (2) the annual meeting and tea; (3) the golf competition; (4) which of the excursions; (5) the annual dinner.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) Report of scrutineer on election of officers; (2) Annual Report of Council; (3) report of Representatives of the Branch on the Central Council; (4) presidential address by Dr. F. W. Goodbody.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital on Tuesday, June 1st, at 9.30 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers; discuss SUPPLEMENT, May 1st, which every member is requested to bring. The next clinical meeting, in conjunction with the Aesculapian Society, will be held on Friday, June 11th, at 4.30 p.m., when Dr. Philip Hamill will show cases with clinical notes. Tea at 4.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HENDON DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Hendon Division will be held at the Hendon Cottage Hospital to-day (Friday, May 28th), at 8.30 p.m. Addresses by: (1) Dr. T. S. McIntosh: The trend of opinion as to the control of infective diseases; (2) Dr. M. Coplans: Premunization against tuberculosis in the newborn.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—The first annual dinner of the St. Pancras Division has been combined with the complimentary dinner to be given to Alderman Dr. E. A. Gregg, J.P., Mayor of St. Pancras and Representative of the Division on the Metropolitan Branch Council, and will be held on June 3rd at the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant. It will be followed by a dance, for which Alfredo's Band has been engaged. It is hoped that every member of the Division will be able to attend. Tickets 15s. each, inclusive of buffet refreshments during the dance. Owing to the dinner there will be no ordinary meeting of the Division in June.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held in the Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton, on Tuesday, June 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: SOUTH SHIELDS DIVISION.—A very important meeting of the South Shields Division will be held at the Royal Hotel, Ocean Road, South Shields, on Wednesday, June 9th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee as to the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers; recommendation of executive that the Division adopt a resolution under its Ethical Rules in connexion therewith; question of Branch being recommended by the Division to take corresponding action.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH: LANCASTER DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Lancaster Division will be held at the Alexandra Hotel, Penny Street, Lancaster, on Tuesday,

June 22nd, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Elect officers, Representatives in the Branch Council, and Executive Committee; annual report of Executive Committee; Annual Report of Council (SUPPLEMENTS, April 24th and May 1st), and instructions to the Representative of the Division.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—The fifty-third annual meeting of the Southern Branch will be held at Osborne House, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, on Thursday, June 10th, at 3 p.m., when Dr. P. B. Bentlif will preside. Agenda: Correspondence; annual report of Branch Council; financial statement for 1925; election of officers for 1926-27; vote of thanks to the retiring President. At the conclusion of the above business Dr. Bentlif will vacate the chair in favour of Major-General Sir S. G. Guise Moores, the President-Elect, who will deliver his address on food in relation to health and disease. Through the courtesy of the President the State apartments will be open to the inspection of members and their ladies, who are invited to tea by Lady Guise Moores. Lawn tennis, croquet, and golf will be available after tea. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the honorary secretary (Dr. Lockhart Stephens, Emsworth, Hants) not later than June 5th.

SURREY BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Surrey Branch will be held in the Municipal Buildings, Reigate (by kind permission of the mayor), on Wednesday, June 16th, at 2.15 p.m. The Reigate Division invites members to lunch at the White Hart Hotel at 1 o'clock. Arrangements have been made to visit the Royal Earlswood Institution, Redhill, during the afternoon, where Dr. P. S. B. Langton, the medical superintendent, will welcome the members, show them over the institution, and give a clinical lecture on the classification and signs of mental deficiency. The annual dinner will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, at 6.45 for 7 p.m. (tickets 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine).

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, June 3rd, at 4 p.m. Tea will be served at 3.45. Agenda: To elect (*a*) officers, (*b*) representatives on Branch Council, (*c*) Executive Committee, (*d*) Ethical Committee; annual report of the Executive Committee; report and accounts of the Division; Annual Report of Council, and in connexion therewith to instruct the Representative to the Annual Representative Meeting, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.—The annual picnic will be held on Thursday, June 10th. The charabanc will leave York Place, Huddersfield, at 12 noon for Castle Howard. Permission has been given to view the house. Dinner will be served at the Talbot Hotel, Malton. The inclusive charge for charabanc, tea, dinner (exclusive of drinks), admission, and tips will be £1 2s. a head, or for those going in their own cars 12s. Members are asked to let the secretary (Mr. A. Latimer Walker, F.R.C.S.) know as soon as possible whether they intend going in the charabanc or in their own car. Arrangements for the dinner must be completed by June 5th.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN AID OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

### SCHOLARSHIPS.

**THE Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for Research Scholarships, as follows:**

1. **An ERNEST HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, of the value of £200 per annum, for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.**
2. **THREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS, each of the value of £150 per annum, for research into some subject relating to the Causation, Prevention, or Treatment of Disease.**

**Each Scholarship is tenable for one year, commencing on October 1st, 1926. A Scholar may be reappointed for not more than two additional terms. *A Scholar may hold a junior appointment at a University, Medical School, or Hospital* provided the duties of such appointment do not interfere with his work as a Scholar.**

**The conditions of the award of Scholarships are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.**

### GRANTS.

**The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for Grants for the assistance of research into the Causation, Treatment, or Prevention of Disease. Preference will be given, other things being equal, to members of the medical profession and to applicants who propose as subjects of investigation problems directly related to practical medicine.**

**The conditions of the award of Grants are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.**

***Applications.***

***Applications* for Scholarships and Grants for the year 1926-27 *must be made not later than Saturday, June 5th, 1926*, on the prescribed form, a copy of which will be supplied by the Medical Secretary on application. Applicants are required to furnish the names of three referees who are competent to speak as to their capacity for the research contemplated to whom reference may be made.**

**ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary*.**

# National Insurance.

## LONDON INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

*Practitioner's Successful Appeal.*—Several medical service cases of interest came before the London Insurance Committee at its meeting on April 22nd. In one case in which the Committee had already decided that a practitioner had failed to exercise proper care in the treatment provided by him for an insured person and had thereby committed a breach of the terms of service, it was now reported that the practitioner had appealed against this decision, and that the Minister of Health had allowed the appeal. The Minister also directed that the Committee should pay the sum of £5 towards the costs of the practitioner in bringing the appeal. The complaint was that the practitioner, who was in attendance on the patient from time to time over a period of several months, neglected to make a thorough physical examination, as he should have done, the patient presenting symptoms suggesting tuberculosis, and that he treated the case as one of gastric catarrh. Subsequently another doctor, to whom the patient went, formed the opinion that he was suffering from tuberculosis, an opinion which was confirmed by a bacteriological examination of the sputum, and the patient was sent to a Poor Law infirmary, and later to a sanatorium. The officers of the Ministry who heard the appeal stated that there was no evidence that the insured person himself or his relatives called the practitioner's attention to any symptoms other than those of gastric disturbance. The patient's attendances on the doctor had been quite intermittent, and made his case indistinguishable from those of many other patients who required attention during the months of winter and spring. In these circumstances the officers of the Ministry considered that the doctor's omission to make a general examination, however unfortunate in the light of after events it might appear, could not properly be regarded as a breach of the terms of service.

*Cases Reviewed by the Ministry.*—In a case in which the Committee had held that the practitioner had improperly attempted to obtain fees for treatment and had decided to caution him, the Minister, on reviewing the case, after hearing representations by the practitioner, considered that as the behaviour of the insured person had contributed materially to the misunderstanding on the part of the practitioner which had resulted in the breach by him of the terms of service, the course of withholding a portion of the money payable for medical benefit, with a view to its deduction from the remuneration of the practitioner concerned, should not in this case be followed. In a similar complaint the Minister also decided that as it was the first breach of the terms of service by the practitioner which had been brought to his notice a fine should not be imposed, but he stated that a very serious view would be taken of any further breach. In another case in which the Committee had found that a practitioner had refused to provide treatment for an insured person and had been rude to him the Minister decided that £5 must be withheld from the remuneration.

*Failure to Transmit Medical Records.*—The Committee considered several cases in which practitioners had failed to transmit to the Committee forms of medical record in respect of insured persons whose names had been removed from their lists. The Committee decided to caution two practitioners, one of whom had fourteen and the other twelve forms outstanding in respect of the year 1925; to censure two others whose omissions extended back for a longer period in spite of frequent warnings; and to censure severely another two whose failure to transmit the forms had been more or less consistent for some years. The Committee also decided that in the case of the four practitioners censured the attention of the Ministry of Health should be drawn to the matter with a view to consideration in connexion with the distribution of the money available for medical benefit.

*Range of Medical Service.*—The Committee received reports from certain practitioners that they had charged fees to insured persons in respect of ophthalmic services, including careful ophthalmic examination of the fundus and disc, and retinoscopy under mydriatic, and refraction. The Committee concurred with the opinion of the Local Medical Committee that the services as described fell into the category of services involving the application of special skill and experience of a degree or kind which general practitioners as a class could not be expected to possess, and that the practitioners concerned did possess the necessary skill and experience. It was added that in five cases these services were rendered by practitioners whose names were not included in the list, prepared by the British Medical Association, of practitioners who had intimated their willingness to advise on ophthalmic cases and to prescribe glasses when necessary for insured persons who were members of approved societies.

## LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the London Panel Committee on April 27th, Dr. H. J. CARDALE presiding, Dr. W. S. Carpenter was appointed a member of the committee to represent Deptford in the place of Dr. P. N. Allman resigned.

*Complaints against Approved Societies.*—The Committee agreed to support a resolution of the Warwickshire Panel and Local Medical Committees running as follows: "That inasmuch as no proposal is made by the Royal Commission for redressing the present inequitable position whereunder complaints made by practitioners against approved societies in connexion with the administration of medical benefit fail to receive due investigation, the Insurance Acts Committee be asked to press for amendment of the regulations accordingly."

*Claims for Payment of Anaesthetist.*—As there has been a large increase of late in the number of claims submitted for payment

of fees for the services of an anaesthetist, some of the claims being in respect of services which would not appear to require an anaesthetic, the Committee agreed to set up a special section to consider the whole question as to the advisability of a change in the policy of the Committee with regard to the administration of anaesthetics and the amount of fees to be allowed.

*Emergency Night Calls.*—It was also agreed to set up a section to consider the action which should be taken by the Committee with regard to the remuneration of practitioners who, not having assistants or partners, and residing more than two miles from their surgeries, were immune from emergency night calls. The Committee had previously proposed that such practitioners should be required to apply to the allocation subcommittee for exemption from liability to emergency night visits, and that their units of credit should be reduced by 10 per cent., but the Insurance Acts Committee was of opinion that the suggestion was not suitable for universal adoption, although there was no reason why special action should not be taken with regard to London. The CHAIRMAN said that this matter really arose out of what had been for some time a scandal in London—the lock-up surgery, with the practitioner living a considerable distance away. It was not intended to interfere with those men who had arrangements with partners or assistants, nor even possibly with those who had arrangements with deputies, provided these were quite satisfactory.

*Urgent Prescriptions.*—A report was received from a section which had been appointed to inquire into the question of dispensing urgent prescriptions. The section was of opinion that no action could usefully be taken by the Committee beyond endeavouring to ensure the accuracy of the list of chemists (supplied by the London Pharmaceutical Committee) generally available for the dispensing of urgent prescriptions after the usual closing hour. This could only be done by practitioners reporting cases where the list was proved to be inaccurate. Dr. H. ROBERTS said that 40 or 50 per cent. of the patients seen in his evening surgery were unable to get their prescriptions dispensed the same evening, and although in many cases there was no urgency there were a number every evening in which it was very desirable that the prescriptions should be dispensed at once. It was agreed to request practitioners to report to the Committee specific instances where the list of "late" pharmacists was inaccurate.

## *LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.*

### KENT.

WE have received for publication the following resolutions relative to the report of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance, passed by the Kent Local Medical and Panel Committees at their meeting held on April 29th.

(1) That in the opinion of these Committees the finding of the Royal Commission that "the existing machinery . . . for dealing with complaints as to the conduct of practitioners . . . is necessary and operates fairly" (page 282, para. 59) is not in accordance with the evidence given before it nor compatible with the statement on page 190, para. 446, to the effect that the Commission had not been given sufficient detail to enable it to form a considered opinion on vital points.

(2) That in the opinion of these Committees the Royal Commission should have called for such further evidence as it required to substantiate or refute professional assertions in connexion with the abuses of the disciplinary procedure, such evidence having been specifically proffered to it, and that its failure to do so renders its findings in this respect devoid of authority.

(3) That these Committees welcome the finding of the Minority Report that "the approved society system is a hindrance to the development of a complete public health policy."

(4) That these Committees welcome the finding of the Royal Commission that "the service element (of materity benefit) should be administered by the local health authorities and be co-ordinated with the other local medical services" understanding that this implies that maternity services will not be within the scope of the contract of medical service under the Insurance Acts.

(5) That these Committees regret the failure of the Royal Commission to make any statement in respect of several matters of importance to the profession and on which evidence was placed before it, particularly on the relationship of societies to practitioners, certification, and record keeping, and on the details of the complaints procedure, etc.

(6) That in the opinion of these Committees any decision as to stabilization or revision of the capitation fee should be preceded by an inquiry by the profession into the market value of services as recommended by the Royal Commission.

# Naval and Military Appointments.

### ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON LIEUTENANT COMMANDER H. B. PADWICK, D.S.O., to be Surgeon Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenants (short service) C. Joiner and R. W. Mussen have transferred to the permanent list.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenants J. A. Kerr to the *Ajax* for fourteen days' training; R. R. B. Roberts to the *Repulse* for twenty-eight days' training.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenant J. Prendergast is transferred to the Reserve, Class D.2.

### INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel L. J. M. Deas has resumed charge of his appointment as Residency Surgeon and Chief Medical Officer, Baluchistan.

Major L. A. P. Anderson is appointed substantively to the Medical Research Department

The services of Lieut.-Colonel T. C. McCombie Young are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bombay, with effect from date of assuming charge as Officiating Port Health Officer, Bombay.

Major C. J. Stocker, M.C., an Officiating Agency Surgeon, is posted as Agency Surgeon at Meshed, and *ex-officio* Assistant to H.B.M. Consul-General and Agent to the Government of India in Khorasan.

Majors to be Lieutenant-Colonels: J. Taylor, D.S.O., A. D. Stewart, R. A. Chambers, O.B.E., R. H. Bott, C.I.E., J. Morison, S. G. S. Haughton, A. S. Leslie, J. F. James, A. P. G. Lorimer, H. B. Scott, O.B.E., G. M. Millar, O.B.E., H. H. Thorburn, C.I.E., F. H. Salisbury.

E. T. N. Taylor retains the temporary rank of Captain, on permanent appointment to the I.M.S. as Lieutenant, with effect from April 24th, 1920.

The King has approved the restoration to the active list, from the temporary non-effective list, of Captain P. M. Antia.

The promotion to the present rank of Major C. J. Stocker, M.C., is antedated from July 29th, 1923, to January 29th, 1923.

The following officers have retired from the Service: Colonel T. B. Kelly, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel W. M. Pearson, and Lieut.-Colonel R. P. Wilson, C.I.E.

### MILITIA.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following Captains to be Majors: H. C. J. Pedler, E. S. Rowbotham, J. Melvin, M.C.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Majors: Captains A. M. Johnson, M.C., and C. A. Webster.

Captain H. L. Barker (I.M.S.ret.) to be Captain.

M. L. Sutcliffe to be Lieutenant.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant J. R. Oddie from the active list to be Lieutenant.

# VACANCIES.

BIRKENHEAD EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

BIRKENHEAD UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Infirmary. Salary £200 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—Clinical Teacher in Mental Diseases.

BOLTON UNION: TOWNLEYS HOSPITAL.—(1) Medical Superintendent (non-resident). (2) Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £900 and £225 per annum respectively.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male, unmarried). Salary £150 per annum.

BRISTOL EYE HOSPITAL.—Honorary Consulting Physician.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (Males, unmarried.) Salary at the rate of £130 per annum each.

CASSEL HOSPITAL FOR FUNCTIONAL NERVOUS DISORDERS, Swaylands, Penshurst, Kent.—Junior Resident Medical Officer (unmarried). Initial salary £250.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1. —Second Resident House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.2.—Assistant Physician to the Skin Department.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Arthur Street, S.W.3.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary as Junior £100 per annum, and as Senior £120 per annum.

CHESHIRE JOINT SANATORIUM, Market Drayton.—House-Physician (male). Salary £250 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL, Coventry.—Fourth House-Surgeon (male). Salary £125 per annum.

DERBY: DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Venereal Diseases Officer. Salary £750 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Two Assistant School Medical Officers (male). Salary £600 per annum, rising to £700.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £650.

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON HOSPITAL, 144, Euston Road, N.W.1.—Assistant Physician (woman).

GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, York Road, S.E.1.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3.—Pathologist. Salary at the rate of £600 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon (unmarried). Salary £50 for six months.

HULL: CITY AND COUNTY OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Resident Medical Officer at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Cottingham (male, unmarried). Salary £350 per annum, *plus* bonus at present amounting to £154 13s. 10d.

HUNTINGDON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY.—Assistant County Medical Officer and Assistant School Medical Officer (female). Salary £600 per annum.

KENSINGTON ROYAL BOROUGH.—Temporary Tuberculosis Officer at the Kensington Tuberculosis Dispensary, Ladbroke Grove. Honorarium 35 guineas for one month.

LEWISHAM: ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Surgeon in the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

LIVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL AND SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—House-Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum.

LONDON HOSPITAL, E.1.—Honorary Assistant Anaesthetist.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.1.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £175 per annum.

MANCHESTER: CROSSLEY (MATERNITY) HOSPITAL, Ancoats.—Resident Medical Officer, half-time (female). Salary £50 per annum.

MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT.—Assistant Medical Superintendent for the Mental Hospital at Beau Bassin. Salary Rs.7,500 per annum.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, E.8.—(1) Honorary Anaesthetist (male). (2) Ophthalmic Surgeon.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—(1) Resident Casualty Officer. (2) House-Surgeon. Unmarried, males. Salary £150 and £125 per annum respectively.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Assistant Physician.

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR THE EAST END, E.15.—(1) House-Physician. (2) Two House-Surgeons. (3) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (4) House-Physician and Casualty Officer.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway, N.7.—Ophthalmic Surgeon.

ST. HELENS: PROVIDENCE FREE HOSPITAL.—Medical Officer (male). Salary £250 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Physician at the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Senior Casualty Officer. Salary £150 per annum.

SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Clapham Common, S.W.4.—Assistant Physician (female).

STOKE-ON-TRENT CITY.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £500 per annum.

SUDAN MEDICAL SERVICE.—Four Medical Officers. Pay commences at £E.720 a year, rising to £E.1,200 after thirteen years' service.

SWANSEA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon for the Ophthalmic and Aural Departments (male, unmarried). Commencing salary £200 per annum.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.3.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary £250 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith, W.6.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Aural House-Surgeon and Resident Casualty Officer. Males. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

WINDSOR: KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Women. Salary £200 and £100 per annum respectively.

MEDICAL REFEREE UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT for the Doncaster and East Retford County Courts, Circuit No. 18 (Surgeon). Applications to the Private Secretary, Home Office, S.W.1, by June 14th.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The appointments at East Dereham (Norfolk), Swanscombe (Kent), and Wiveliscombe (Somerset) are vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, S.W.1.

*This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.*

## APPOINTMENTS.

DEARNLEY, Miss Gertrude, M.D., B.S.Lond., Gynaecologist to the Royal Free Hospital, vice Mrs. Vaughan Sawyer.

EDRIDGE, R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Honorary Assistant Physician, Royal United Hospital, Bath.

GIBB, A. Terriss, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., Honorary Assistant Surgeon, Preston Royal Infirmary.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—L. A. Baiss, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Swanage District, co. Dorset; F. L. Buttar, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., for the Salisbury District, co. Wilts; A. E. Kerr, M.B., B.Ch.Camb., for the Petworth District, co. Sussex; J. M. McKenzie, M.B.Aberd., for the Newport District, East Riding of York.

## DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

*General Meeting of Fellows.*—Wed., 5.30 p.m., Occasional Lecture—Sir Jagadis Bose: The Action of Alkaloids and Cobra Venom on the Pulse of the Plant and Animal.

*Section of Medicine.*—The meeting arranged for May 25th has been postponed till Tuesday (June 1st), at 5.30 p.m.

*Section of Odontology.*—Mon., 5.30 p.m., Clinical Meeting, followed by Annual General Meeting. At this meeting it is proposed to make a presentation to Sir Frank Colyer in recognition of his devoted services as Honorary Curator of the Museum for the past twenty-five years.

*Section of Surgery.*—Wed. 8.30 p.m., Dr. W. E. Gye: The Origin of Tumours. Mr. J. E. Barnard will give a demonstration on microscopical methods.

*Section of Laryngology.*—Thurs., Summer Meeting, at 3 p.m., Sir William Willcox: Nasal Sinusitis as a Cause of Toxaemia; Dr. A. Logan Turner and Dr. F. E. Reynolds: A Fatal Case of Leptomeningitis following Operation on the Ethmoidal Air Cells; with microscopical demonstration of the path of infection; Epidiascopic Demonstration by Dr. W. Jobson Horne: The Role of the Lympathics in Laryngeal Disease, and of the Larynx in Lymphatic Disease. Fri., 9.30 a.m., Cases; 10.30 a.m., Ordinary Clinical Meeting, Cases and Specimens; 7.30 p.m., Complimentary Dinner to Sir StClair Thomson, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

*Section of Otology.*—Fri., Summer Meeting, at 3 p.m., Professor W. E. Dixon: The Permeability of the Choroid Plexus to Certain Constituents of the Cerebro-spinal Fluid; Dr. A. A. Gray: A Hitherto Undescribed Structure in the Bird's Labyrinth. Sat., 9.45 a.m., Cases; 10.30 a.m., Dr. W. H. Hartridge: The Fundamental Experiments on which the Resonance Theory is based.

### POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—*Royal Northern Hospital*, Mon., 2.30 p.m., Special Afternoon Demonstration in Clinical Surgery. *Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital:* Thurs., 12.45 p.m., Special Demonstration in Clinical Ophthalmology. These demonstrations are open to all members of the medical profession without fee. *Children's Clinic*, Cosway Street, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—Special Course in Diseases of Children at various hospitals and centres, consisting of demonstrations and lectures—morning and afternoon sessions *Maudsley Hospital*, Denmark Hill, S.E.5: Special Course in Psychological Medicine now in progress—postponed owing to strike. Daily clinical instruction and lectures dealing with various aspects. All information as to fees, etc., for these courses may be obtained from the Secretary, Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Electrotherapeutics. Thurs., 5 p.m., Eczema.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Pathology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., The Trigeminal Nerve in Lesions of the Eye. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Surgery of Compression Paraplegia. Thurs., 12 noon, Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Disseminated Sclerosis. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Aphasia. Operations: Tues. and Fri., 9 a.m.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 10 a.m., Surgical; 10.30 a.m., Gynaecological and Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Gynaecological Clinics, Operations; 3 p.m., Special Demonstration of Cases in the Surgical Wards; 6.30 p.m., Venereal Department. Tues., 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics, Operations. Wed., 10.30 a.m., Operations; 2 p.m., Medical, Eye, and Skin Clinics; 5.30 p.m., Venereal Department. Thurs., 10.30 a.m., Dental; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics, Operations (Surgical and Gynaecological); 3 p.m., Demonstration of Cases of Infectious Fevers at the North-Eastern Hospital, St. Ann's Road, N.15. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Eye Operations; 2 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Clinics, Operations; 3 p.m., Gynaecological; 6.30 p.m., Venereal.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, Institute of Pathology and Research, Paddington, W.2.—Mon., 5 p.m., Recent Work on the Spleen. Thurs., 5 p.m., Freudian Psychology.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, W.C.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Geoffrey E. Duveen Lectures in Otology: Deafness and Occupations.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE CLINICS.—At Royal Hospital: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Treatment of Fractures.

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### Diary of the Association.

MAY.

28 Fri. London: Charities Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Hendon Division: Clinical Meeting, Hendon Cottage Hospital, 8.30 p.m.

JUNE.

1 Tues. London: Organization Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Birmingham Central Division: 154, Great Charles Street, 3 p.m.
City Division: Annual Meeting, Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.8, 9.30 p.m.
Edinburgh Branch: B.M.A. House, 6, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh. Address by President, Professor G. M. Robertson, on the Certification of Insane Persons, 4.30 p.m.
South-West Essex Division: Annual Meeting, Wesleyan School Rooms, High Road, Leyton, 3.30 p.m.
2 Wed. London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
West Bromwich Division: 1, South Road, Smethwick. Dr. Douglas Stanley on the Diagnosis of Lung Conditions, 2.45 p.m.
3 Thurs. Guildford Division: Annual Meeting, Royal Surrey County Hospital, 4 p.m.
St. Pancras Division: Annual Dinner, Holborn Restaurant.
4 Fri. London: Public Health Committee, 2.30 p.m.
8 Tues. Kent Branch: Annual Meeting, Broadstairs. Luncheon, 1 p.m.; Meeting, 2.30; Dinner, Grand Hotel, 7 o'clock.
9 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.
South Shields Division: Royal Hotel, South Shields, 8.30 p.m.
10 Thurs. Huddersfield Division: Annual Picnic, Castle Howard, 12 noon; Dinner, Talbot Hotel, Malton.
Southern Branch: Annual Meeting, Osborne House, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, 3 p.m.
11 Fri. City Division: Clinical Meeting, 4.30 p.m.
16 Wed. Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch: Annual Meeting, Royal Faculty Hall, Glasgow, 3.30 p.m.
Surrey Branch: Annual Meeting, Municipal Buildings, Reigate, 2.15 p.m. Luncheon, White Hart Hotel, 1 p.m.; Annual Dinner, 7 p.m.
19 Sat. Border Counties Branch: Lanercross Abbey, Cumberland.
22 Tues. Lancaster Division: Annual Meeting, Alexandra Hotel, Lancaster, 8.30 p.m.
Metropolitan Counties Branch: Annual Meeting, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, 4 p.m.
29 Tues. North Wales Branch: Annual Meeting, Bettws-y-coed.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

### BIRTHS.

HENRY.—On May 17th, at Montreal, to Lydia M. Henry, M.D.Sheff., wife of John Stewart Henry, M.D.McGill, a son.

RAISON.—On May 13th (Ascension Day), at Prior's Croft, Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, to Ceres, the wife of Cyril A. Raison, F.R.C.S., the gift of a son (John Anthony).

### DEATHS.

DUTCH.—On April 30th, 1926, at his residence, No. 8, Berkeley Street, W.1, after a long illness, Major Henry Dutch, M.D., T.D., aged 64 years, beloved husband of Minna H. Dutch, and deeply loved father of Councillor Miss Hilda Dutch.

FRASER.—At Woodlands, Elderslie (the residence of his son-in-law), on May 19th, in his 86th year, Donald Fraser, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., late of Paisley, and latterly of Connel Ha', Cothal, Aberdeenshire.

HARVEY.—On May 4th, 1926, at Hamilton, Bermuda, Eldon Harvey, O.B.E., V.D., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Edin., in his 74th year.

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